International Law Section Meeting September 24, 2009

ATTENDEES:

Shasta Kilminster-Hadley

Melissa Moody

Kristi Wilson

Ernie Hoidal

Everett Wohlers

Jason Prince

Mark Olson

Mike Gilmore

Emile Loza

Justice Gerald Schroeder

BUSINESS:

1. Advocate articles

a. The section's issue of the Advocate will be coming out in a few weeks and we just want to thank everyone who contributed for their participation. It should be a fantastic issue with the timely articles that represent the diversity of experience and different voices our section encompasses.

2. Upcoming events

- a. October 22 meeting: Melissa Moody and Jack McMahon will be presenting a one hour CLE on the Central European and Eurasian Law Institute (CEELI).
- b. November meeting: Jason Prince will be presenting a CLE on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act in the afternoon the week before Thanksgiving. The date still needs to be set.
- c. We have also been contacted by a partner in an intellectual property firm located in Beijing who will be in the area in October and would like to speak to the section, so we will be trying to set something up with him.

3. Elections

- a. First, Shasta thanked everyone for their participation over the last year. The call for nominations was sent out on Tuesday, September 22, and the only nominees for the positions were as follows:
 - i. Chair—Shasta Kilminster-Hadley
 - ii. Vice-chair—Melissa Moody
 - iii. Secretary/Treasurer—Kristi Wilson
- b. Ernie Hoidal moved for the nominated slate, Jason Prince seconded, and the members voted unanimously to approve the slate.
- c. Emile Loza recommended we re-circulate the call for the at large council members, so we will have the vote on the 3 at large council seats next month.

4. Public service

- a. We would like to put more focus this year on developing a public service project that the section can do together.
- b. International Rescue Committee—Shasta has been volunteering with the International Rescue Committee and the organization is always in need of donations. Ernie also recommended we have Jan Reeves speak to the group about the history of refugees in the Boise area.
- c. Idaho Human Rights Group—Ernie suggested there may be a need for the group to update and re-distribute a guide for new immigrants that has been put out by the group before.
- d. Agency for New Americans, World Relief—other agencies we may want to consider volunteering our time with. Jason pointed out that we should consider volunteering beyond providing legal services.
- e. We will discuss this more and come up with a plan for a service project for the group.

CLE:

Emile Loza presented a CLE entitled "Competence, Ethics & Transnational Practice," which was a very informative look into the increasing globalization of legal practice and the evolving standards for attorney competence that come with such transnational work. Her article in the upcoming Advocate explores the issue in even greater detail.